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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. NUMEIRI COUNSELS THE DIRG

THE SUDANESE AMBASSADOR TO YEMEN TOLD EMBASSY SANA JULY 10:

--NUMEIRI HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT THAT HE BELIEVES THE ERITREANS SHOULD ACCEPT THE DIRG'S OFFER OF AUTONOMY.

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--THE SUDAN HAS PURSUED A POLICY OF STRICT NON-INTERFERENCE IN ERITREAN AFFAIRS.

--NUMEIRI NEVERTHELESS TOLD THE ETHIOPIANS HE WILL
"RESERVE HIS RIGHTS AND OPTIONS" SHOULD THE CONFLICT
GENERATE A TIDE OF REFUGEES INTO THE SUDAN. (CONFI-
DENTIAL) SANA 2377, 7/11.)

2. LEBANON: IRAQI ASSISTANCE VIA CAIRO

USINT BAGHDAD HAS LEARNED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT IRAQ
HAS SENT SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIANS
IN LEBANON VIA EGYPT. THE INTERESTS SECTION ELABORATES:

--THE IRAQIS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO SEND ASSISTANCE TO
ARAFAT DURING HIS JUNE 18-21 VISIT.

--IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER IRAQI AID HAS INCLUDED TROOPS.

--THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN BAGHDAD CONFIRMED TO
USINT THAT SUBSTANTIAL SHIPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED, BUT
ALLEGES THAT THE OPERATION IS OVER AND DENIES KNOW-
LEDGE OF THE NATURE OF THE ASSISTANCE. (SECRET)
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